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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 27, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until April 27, 2004.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until May 27, 2004, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the extension of time fee. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the fee is deficient and/or if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and fee associated therewith and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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